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SUBJ: MODE - EVALUATION OF PERSONNEL LEVELS BY CHIEF OF MISSION

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1. REFTEL B REQUESTS EMBASSY LUSAKA EVALUATE HOW USEFUL THE ACCREDITATION OF THE DATT, RESIDENT IN LILONGWE, TO ZAMBIA WOULD BE. WE ARE CONTINUING TO PRESS THE CASE FOR THE DATT'S ACCREDITATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA, THUS FAR WITH NOT MUCH SUCCESS--OUR DIPLOMATIC NOTES GO UNANSWERED. SHOULD WE SUCCEED IN ARRANGING FOR ACCREDITATION, WE DOUBT THAT THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE ATTACHE WOULD BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WOULD ALLOW FOR MUCH IN THE WAY OF USEFUL REPORTING. WE PRESUME THAT, ONCE ACCREDITED, PERMISSION BY ZAMBIANS FOR OFFICIAL VISITS WOULD BE FORTHCOMING. HOWEVER, CONTACTS WITH ZAMBIAN MILITARY BY DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL IS ALMOST NON-EXISTENT, AND, IF WE REQUESTED SUCH CONTACT FOR THE ATTACHE, IT ALMOST CERTAINLY WOULD BE DENIED. IN THE ABSENCE OF DIRECT RELATIONS WITH THE ZAMBIAN MILITARY, THE ATTACHE WOULD BE UNABLE TO ADD IN A MEANINGFUL WAY TO INTELLIGENCE AVAILABLE THROUGH OTHER SOURCES.

2. WE NOTE THAT IN PARA 2 REFTEL B MENTION IS MADE OF 296 IR'S SUBMITTED BY DAL LILONGWE OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS, OVER
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HALF OF WHICH COVER AREAS OUTSIDE MALAWI. OF THE REPORTS WE HAVE SEEN ON ZAMBIA MOST CONSISTED OF CLIPPINGS FROM ZAMBIAN NEWSPAPERS. SUCH REPORTING WE WOULD JUDGE TO BE OF MARGINAL VALUE SINCE ZAMBIAN NEWSPAPERS ARE AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON TO MEMBERS OF THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.

3. IN CONCLUSION, GIVEN ZAMBIAN RESTRICTIONS ON THE ACTIVITIES

OF MILITARY ATTACHES, WHICH WE JUDGE WILL CONTINUE, IT WOULD
BE DIFFICULT FOR US TO JUSTIFY THE PRESENCE OF A DAO IN
LILONGWE FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF HIS CONTRIBUTION TO
INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION OF MATERIAL COVERING ZAMBIA.
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